

Barry Tells LBJ to Let Military Run Viet War

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Barry Goldwater, the 1964 Republican candidate for President, said yesterday President Johnson should quit trying to act like a general and let the military run the Vietnamese war.

"I think the President should start being the President and stop trying to be the general . . . pick the targets . . . and let the military run the show."

Goldwater touched on a number of other subjects on NBC's radio-television "Meet the Press" program, including:

- He'd run for the U.S. Senate again if an opening developed, but would find it "very difficult" to run against Sen. Carl Hayden (D-Ariz.), the 88-year-old dean of the Senate, whom he described as a "close friend."

- He thinks Richard Nixon would be the presidential nominee if the Republican Convention "were tomorrow."

- He feels the Republican Party will make a strong comeback in congressional elections next year.

Goldwater, a former Arizona Senator, said he does not believe it necessary to use nuclear weapons in the Vietnamese war, adding in answer to a question that if he were President he would not "engage our ground forces in any large-scale action" in Viet-Nam.

He said he would "take advantage of our air power" and that he would not give Hanoi, the capital of North Viet-Nam, any assurance its industrial complex would not be bombed if this were necessary.

If Red China were to come into the conflict, he replied to a question, he would certainly bomb that country's nuclear installations.

Goldwater said Democrats face problems among haggling factions within their

own party and that this, along with other factors, would help the GOP in next year's elections.

He said many people were not happy with the Johnson Administration, citing the Bobby Baker investigation as an example.

Goldwater said he did not believe that this country was headed toward any recession, but said he did agree with William McC. Martin, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, when Martin said there were "disquieting similarities" between the present prosperity and the boom that preceded the depression of the 1930s.

The former Senator said he personally favored retaining section 14B of the Taft-Hartley law, which permits states to ban union shop agreements.

He also agreed that should Rep. John Lindsay (R-N.Y.) win the New York mayoralty race, he would be a contender for the 1968 GOP presidential nomination.

But Goldwater said Lindsay would have to be clearly identified as a Republican in his race for this to come about and not under some other label.